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A BATTLE IS ON

ENGAGEMENT BEING WAGED AT DULOE, COLUMBIA.

HUNDREDS HAVE BEEN SLAIN

Revolutionary Forces Under General Herrera Meet Government Troops—The Government Loss Is Reported as Light—Rebel Loss Heavy.

PANAMA, Columbia, Aug. 2.—The peace commissioners who left here July 29 on the British steamer Cenera to visit the revolutionary General Herrera, near Agua Dulce, returned to Panama at noon today. They informed the representative of the Associated Press that they were unable to fulfill their mission, because of a severe engagement between the revolutionary and government forces has been on since the 25th, when the revolutionary forces attacked Agua Dulce.

At 5 o'clock the best battalion of the revolutionary forces attacked the government entrenchment with fierce courage. The slaughter of the revolutionists is said to have been excessive and barbarous.

That same afternoon a white flag was raised in their camp and they asked for an armistice during which they could bury their dead. This was granted. The losses of the rebels up to Wednesday, July 30, were reported at over 200, while the government forces had eight men killed and eleven wounded.

General Moreno, one of the peace commissioners who returned today, says the entrenchments at Agua Dulce are masterpieces of military art. At the expiration of the time of armistice the engagement recommenced with the same fierceness.

DESIRE BURIAL IN OMAHA.

Last Wish of Chicago Woman Who Commits Suicide.

DENVER, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Julia C. Howell, who came here from Chicago about two weeks ago, killed herself by taking laudanum. The suicide was not discovered until today, when her landlady had Mrs. Howell's room opened. Mrs. Howell was a widow and said to be a daughter of J. S. Howell, a Chicago artist. She wore mourning and her gowns were of the most expensive material and make. An extremely elegant gown she picked out to be buried in, leaving money with instructions for her burial in Prospect Hill cemetery, Omaha, where she had picked out a lot. A note gave sickness as the cause for the suicide. The coroner has sent the body east.

To Build Two Big Steamers.

DETROIT, Aug. 2.—At a conference between president Alexander McVittie of the Detroit Shipbuilding company the local branch of the American Shipbuilding company and General Manager W. C. McMillin of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation company a final agreement was reached for the building of two new side-wheel passenger steamers to outrank in size and capacity any side-wheelers in the world.

Bryan in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—William J. Bryan, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, arrived here from New Haven and departed later for Burlington, N. J.

Launch Cruiser Des Moines.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The cruiser Des Moines will be launched at the Fore River yard, Quincy, Mass., September 20. Her sponsor will be Miss Helen West of Des Moines.

Baldwin Back from Arctic.

HONNINGSVAG, Norway, Aug. 2.—Evelyn B. Baldwin, the arctic explorer, arrived here today. He reported all his men in good health and said: "We have been baffled, but not beaten."

Circulation Statement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—The monthly circulation statement issued by the comptroller of the currency shows that at the close of business July 31, 1902, the total circulation of national bank notes was \$358,964,164, an increase for the month of \$2,312,093, and an increase for the year of \$2,331,281. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$316,614,767, an increase for the month of \$2,375,854, and a decrease for the year of \$10,424,606.

Miss Hay Weds in September.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—The marriage of Miss Alice Hay to James W. Wadsworth, Jr., will take place on September 30, at the Falls, Newbury, N. H., the country home of the secretary of state and Mrs. Hay, only the intimate relatives and a few intimate friends will be present. After a short wedding journey the young people will go to Genoa, N. Y., for the rest of the autumn.

FREAK OF ELECTRICAL STORM.

Cross-Shaped Hole in the Ground More Than 100 Feet Deep.

TROY, Ill., Aug. 2.—During a severe electrical storm here a cross-shaped fissure was formed in the ground near the school building, one arm of which is forty feet long and about six inches wide and the other twenty feet long and six inches wide. Elias Burke, a carriage manufacturer, whose establishment is in the vicinity, discovered the freak of nature soon after the storm.

Where the arms of the cross converge there is a hole two feet in diameter and a line 150 feet long weighted with lead did not touch bottom. The theory is advanced that a bolt of lightning entered the ground, yet those in the vicinity assert that no unusual bolt of lightning was noticed during the storm.

SMITH IS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

General Declines to Say Anything for Publication.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—General Jacob Smith arrived today from Manila on the transport Thomas. General Smith declined to say anything for publication and would not even allow reporters to approach him. Through his aide, Lieutenant M. H. Shields, General Smith said that he would not be interviewed, as he did not care to subject himself to further criticism.

Major Davol of the transport service delivered General Smith's order of retirement to him on board ship. General Smith on landing went to the Occidental hotel and denied himself to all visitors.

Setting a Good Example.

What the Union Pacific is doing in engineering improvements is commended to other companies that operate in parts of the country where no such difficulties are encountered as in the west. Straight roads are economic roads, and they invite traffic. The wild yanks and alarming rolls to which passengers are subject on some of them cause train sickness, which is a form of sea sickness, and headache, and they cause a rapid deterioration of cars and engines. Those railroads make the best bid for patronage that promise not merely speed, but comfort, and steadiness is the more comfortable, because it indicates security. We have been eager to extend the mileage of this country. Now we might show some expedition in reducing it by following the example of the Union Pacific in straightening needless turns and lowering or raising needless grades.—Brooklyn Eagle.

PLANS FOR NEW GUNBOATS.

Board of Construction of Navy Department Holds Session.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The board of construction of the navy department had a meeting today and decided upon the general plans for the two new gunboats authorized by the last naval appropriation act. They will follow very closely the Marietta type. The displacement will be slightly in excess of that of the Marietta, being 1,050 tons, as against 1,000 in the case of the Marietta, and this probably will decrease the speed, with the same horse power, 1,000 in each case, from thirteen knots to approximately twelve and a half. The batteries will be identical with those of the Marietta and the Wheeling—six four-inch guns, four six-pounders and two one-pounders.

Court Martial for Penrose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—An order was issued by the navy department today for the trial by court-martial of Passed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Penrose, attached to the Michigan. The officer is charged with rendering false and fraudulent returns of balances to his credit, embezzlement, absence from station and duty and negligence in obeying orders. The shortage in balances is said to amount to about \$300. The court will meet on the 7th inst. at Erie, Pa. Commander Perry Garst is its president.

Miners Ordered Released.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Judge Nathan Goff of the United States circuit court yesterday issued a writ of habeas corpus for Thomas Hagarty and other strike leaders sentenced to jail at Parkersburg by Judge Jackson for violation of the injunction issued by him. Judge Goff ordered the marshal to produce Thomas Hagarty and other prisoners here for appearance Tuesday of next week at 10 o'clock.

Forty-Four Sugar Vessels.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Forty-four steamships, one of the largest fleets in the history of the sugar trade, are now either on their way to the Delaware breakwater or are taking on cargoes in Java, and within the next few weeks will land on the piers of the Atlantic coast refineries not less than 250,000 tons of the raw product. All the ships are large, modern carriers, whose cargoes will average at least 5,500 tons each.

Those Earthquake Shocks.

LOS ALAMOS, Cal., Aug. 2.—Although no more severe earthquake shocks have been experienced here since last night, the people are still panic-stricken. Many of those who have not already fled from their homes are preparing to leave in case the disturbances continue. The damage done is variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$30,000. It would have been much greater had the buildings not been of wood.

A VILLAGE RUINED

LOS ALAMOS, CAL., WRECKED BY SEISMIC DISTURBANCES.

THE PEOPLE FLEE FOR SAFETY

Terror-Stricken Populace Leave Homes and Rush from the Scene—Hills and Knolls Spring Up During the Night.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Aug. 1.—A strip of country fifteen miles long by four miles wide, rent with gaping fissures and dotted with hills and knolls that sprung up during the night as if by magic, a village in ruins and hundreds of people fleeing for their lives, are the results of Wednesday night's seismic disturbance in the prosperous and fruitful valley of Los Alamos, in the northern part of Santa Barbara county.

During the last four days that section of country has been shaken by a series of earthquakes that is without precedent in the history of the valley of the Pacific coast, and the increasing severity of shocks have so terrified the inhabitants that they are leaving for other parts as rapidly as possible, and even now the village is almost entirely deserted.

The disturbances began Sunday evening with a shock which caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage to property in the village and the surrounding country, being more severe and more disastrous in the vicinity of the Western Union Oil company's oil wells on the Carriga ranch.

This shock was followed by a number of disturbances less severe and less disastrous, continuing through the remainder of Sunday night and Monday afternoon. On Tuesday night beginning at 12:10 o'clock, there was another series of seven shocks, all of which were light. The general direction of these disturbances was east and west, and in action they resembled the waves on a pond of water.

The most severe shock of the entire series occurred at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Hills were shaken and twisted to their foundations, and the valleys trembled and rolled like the unstable surface of the ocean. Great fissures were run deep in the earth, hills and knolls appeared in level valleys, springs of water opened in places that had been dry, and the general topography of the valley was greatly changed in many respects.

This disturbance had no general direction, but was what is known as a "twister." It was preceded by a rumbling like that of distant thunder, which increased until the earth began to rock and twist and the hills began to tremble.

With the first warnings of the sound of the approaching disaster the terror-stricken people rushed into the streets and sought places of safety in vacant lots and fields, while many fled toward the neighboring hills.

New York for Roosevelt.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 1.—President Roosevelt will have a solid delegation from New York state to the next republican national convention. This statement was made this afternoon by Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York, after a conference with the president at Sagamore Hill.

Mr. Platt was accompanied to Mr. Roosevelt's country home by Colonel George W. Dunn of Birmingham, chairman of the republican committee of New York. The visit to the president was by appointment.

At 9:30 in the morning Senator Platt and Colonel Dunn boarded the government yacht Sylph at New York and fifteen minutes later the trim little ship was under way for Oyster Bay, where there was a conference lasting two hours.

Craven Is Lynched.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Charles Craven, the negro accused of murdering William H. Wilson, near Hermann, Va., and who was captured this morning and taken to Leesburg, Va., was lynched this afternoon.

Rudyard Annoyed by Public.

LONDON, August 1.—Rudyard Kipling, who has been much annoyed by the visits of Brighton excursionists to his home at Rottingdean, has purchased a new country place near Tunbridge Wells.

Earl Joins Liberal League.

LONDON, August 1.—Announcement is made that Earl Beauchamp has joined the Liberal League. This formal defection from the conservative ranks, coming at a moment when excitement is rife over the liberal victory in the North Leeds by election, occasions considerable interest in political circles. Earl Beauchamp, who succeeded Viscount Hampden as governor of Newark, resigned that office in 1900.

Indian Bands Reorganize.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 1.—The Cheyenne river Indians at their recent council perfected a complete reorganization of the bands on that reservation, and adopted a constitution which is a radical departure from their old methods. They have selected a council of twelve members, six of whom serve for one year, and six for two years, all to be selected in the future to be for two-year terms, changing half the council each year.

TRAIN FOR THE ROAD MAKERS.

Great Northern Places One at Disposal of Road Commission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The Great Northern Railroad company has placed at the disposal of the office of public road inquiry of the United States department of agriculture a railroad train for the purpose of transporting representatives of the office, engineers, road builders and road machinery to be used in practical object lessons in road building. Road conventions will be held at the cities where the train will stop.

The train will start from Chicago August 15 and will reach Minneapolis early in September, where demonstrations of theoretical and practical road building will be given at the state fair grounds during fair week.

At the close of the fair the train will continue westward to the Pacific coast, stopping at the principal cities en route, at each of which practical demonstrations in good road building will be given.

NEBRASKA BOY SURRENDERS.

F. F. Nelson of Grand Island, Navy Deserter, in Indiana.

RICHMOND, Ind., August 1.—F. F. Nelson, one of the thirty boys who ran away from the training ship near San Francisco May 7, has surrendered himself. Nelson enlisted in January as an ordinary landsman and was detailed to the ship Pensacola in the Golden Gate. On May 7 he and twenty-nine other boys were given shore leave and they missed their boat back to the island. They all feared punishment and left San Francisco, coming east. Nelson left the gang at Ogden, Utah, and fearing to go to his home at Grand Island, Neb., where a reward was offered for his arrest, he came on east in search of employment. Tired of keeping himself hidden, and hungry, he gave himself up and the officers of the war department were notified last night of his arrest. He will be held until advices are received from Washington.

ENGINEER DIES AT HIS POST.

Sacrifices His Own Life to Save the Lives of Passengers.

ELM GROVE, Wis., August 1.—In a collision here between a passenger train from Waukegan, known as the "Scout," and a westbound freight train, Dennis Connell, the engineer of the passenger train, was instantly killed and the fireman, Thomas Chamberlain, badly injured. Several of the passengers of the Waukegan train were more or less bruised, although none sustained injuries that are considered serious.

The accident was caused by the freight, which had orders to take the siding at Elm Grove. Before it could be backed up the "Scout" was in sight. Engineer Connell reversed his lever and applied the air brake, but too late to avoid the crash. Connell died at his post, sacrificing his life to save his train.

MANY DIE OF CHOLERA.

Disease Spreads Rapidly Through Portions of China.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 1.—Official returns show that cholera is spreading with terrible rapidity throughout Manchuria. The epidemic now claims hundreds of victims daily, mostly Chinese, but Russians and other Europeans are dying of the disease.

At Inku, between June 6 and July 18, there were 834 cases and 650 deaths and at Harbin, since the recent outbreak, 1,463 cases and 939 deaths have been reported. At Mukden there were forty-nine deaths out of seventy-six cases in eight days, and at Port Arthur sixty-seven deaths out of 109 cases in eighteen days. At Kirin there have been about fifty deaths. These statistics are given as samples of the reports which are being received from all sections of Manchuria.

Shoots Wife as She Sleeps.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 1.—Fred Falkenberg, a teamster, shot and killed his wife as she lay asleep at their home at West Argentine, a suburb, some time during the night, and then shot himself. He cannot recover. Jealousy probably was the cause.

Hon. John D. Lyman Dead.

EXETER, N. H., August 1.—Hon. John D. Lyman, known throughout the country as a writer upon agricultural subjects, died here today, aged 79 years.

West Is Outdoing Itself.

CHICAGO, August 1.—The monthly crop report of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company shows that in Iowa, Nebraska and northern Kansas the corn is rank and green, but a little late for the season. It will almost certainly be the largest crop ever grown in the west. Wheat in the same territory is very heavy and will yield not less than thirty bushels per acre average. Oats are a good crop.

Newspaper Man Insane.

HURON, S. D., August 1.—The county board of insanity on Monday adjudged N. T. Smith of this place insane, and he has been taken to the hospital at Yankton.

Costa Rican Volcano Threatening.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, August 1.—La Democracia states that the volcano Poso, in Costa Rica, is putting forth growling sounds and emitting dashes.

THE REPUBLICANS

THOSE OF IOWA NOMINATE THEIR STATE TICKET.

EVERY COUNTY IS REPRESENTED

Some Controversy Over Tariff and Trust Utterances—The Nominations, When Undertaken, Are Quickly Made.

Secretary of State—W. B. Martin, of Adams county.

Auditor of State—B. F. Carroll of Davis county.

Treasurer of State—Gilbert S. Gilbert of Winnebago county.

Attorney General—C. W. Mullin of Blackhawk county.

Judge of Supreme Court—Scott M. Ladd of O'Brien county.

Judge of Supreme Court (short term)—Charles A. Bishop of Polk county.

Clerk of Supreme Court—John C. Crockett of Hardin county.

Supreme Court Reporter—W. W. Cornwall of Clay county.

Railroad Commissioner—E. A. Dawson of Bremer.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 31.—Nearly 1,100 delegates attended the republican convention, practically full delegations representing every county.

The only controversy was over the tariff and trust utterances of the platform, and that was settled in the committee on resolutions in favor of a reiteration of last year's utterances as contained for by Governor Cummins with an addition to the trust plank congratulating President Roosevelt upon the inauguration of judicial proceedings to enforce the anti-trust laws.

With the exception of the address of the temporary chairman the convention was devoid of oratory. No nominating speeches were made and the notable visitors, comprising the entire Iowa delegation in congress, were not called upon.

Messrs. Martin, Gilbertson, Mullin and Ladd were renominated by acclamation. Judge Bishop, who is now on the supreme bench by appointment, and B. F. Carroll had no opposition. Five ballots were required to nominate a candidate for clerk of the supreme court. Six candidates were in the field, including C. T. Jones, the present incumbent. The first ballot resulted: John C. Crockett 236, Charles T. Jones 270, T. E. Bosquet 87, M. A. Buchanan 180, C. W. Neal 142, J. E. Whelan 234. Mr. Crockett gained steadily and won on the fifth ballot.

E. A. Dawson was renominated for railroad commissioner on the second ballot, his competitors being W. S. Ketchum of Marshall county and W. B. Ketchum of Taylor county.

W. W. Cornwall was nominated for supreme court reporter on the first ballot, receiving 641½ to 464½ for B. I. Sallinger, the present incumbent, and 127 for J. H. Williams of Story county.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The following are the members of the state central committee from the various districts, including the old members. Chairman Spence was re-elected without opposition as chairman. First district, H. O. Weaver (holder); Second, C. W. Phillips of Jackson (re-elected); Third, Burton E. Sweet of Bremer (re-elected); Fourth, J. G. Hempel of Elkader (new); Fifth, E. M. Sargent of Grundy Center (holder); Sixth, R. W. Clayton of Mahaska (holder); Seventh, J. D. Wisnand of Polk (holder); Eighth, R. H. Spence of Ringgold (re-elected); Ninth, James of Audubon (new); Tenth, S. X. Way of Hancock (holder); Eleventh, George E. Scott of Woodbury.

Government Fuel Oil Tests.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The bureau of steam engineering of the navy department, which has been experimenting at the Washington navy yard for some time with fuel oil, has found that the tests with the low pressure air for spraying purposes have been quite satisfactory. Many complex problems, however, must be solved before it will be possible to determine to what extent fuel oil can be used in the navy. If the contemplated experiments with small torpedo boats are successful further experiments will be made with a torpedo destroyer, but beyond this no plans have been made.

Watchman Sleeps on Duty.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 31.—As a result of what is believed to be a drunken sleep firemen at an early hour this morning found one man dead and another dying in the Storer Wall Paper company's building in South Des Moines, while trying to put out a fire which destroyed \$50,000 worth of property. Both men are watchmen. The dead man's name is David Watt, night watchman for the Storer or Wall Paper company.

Paper from Cane Chaff.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 31.—Twenty-three sacks of chaff, or refuse of cane after the sugar has been extracted, were brought from Hilo by the bark Santiago, and will be shipped out to be used in an experiment for paper manufacture. Thousands of tons of the chaff are burned or otherwise destroyed on sugar plantations in the Hawaiian islands, but observing men believe it can be utilized.

PLANS FOR IRRIGATION.

State Engineer Dobson and Assistant Looking Over the Ground.

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—State Engineer Dobson and Assistant Forbes returned from a trip inspection through the Platte valley of eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. They made the trip with a view to ascertaining the elevation of the land in the various sections along the river, preparatory to the formulation of plans for irrigation work.

"I am confident that if the government builds reservoirs for irrigation in this section it would be better to have them in Wyoming than in Nebraska," said Mr. Dobson. "This of course is on account of the elevation of the land. The conditions in the Platte valley between Guernsey and the state line are more favorable to the storage of water than is Nebraska."

Mr. Dobson has been notified that Mr. Mead, chief of irrigation investigations of the United States department of agriculture, will be in Lincoln on August 7 to consider irrigation matters. It is understood here that the investigation Mr. Mead proposes to make will be preparatory to the work of the government under the new irrigation law. Mr. Mead wrote as follows:

"I expect to reach Lincoln on the 7th of August and would like to have a conference with you and such of your irrigation board as can be got together to talk over our work in connection with interstate and reparation rights. I also wish on this trip to take up any other matters connected with our investigations which may be of general interest. You can say that I come to Lincoln for a conference with you and that I intend to go on to the western part of the state to look after our investigations after the conference is over."

No Right to Transact Business.

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—Deputy Insurance Auditor Babcock has addressed a letter to George H. Work of Hastings, informing him that the International Agency company, which has an office in the Rialto building in Chicago, is not authorized to do an insurance business in this state and that insurers in the company can have no resources through the courts for losses sustained.

An Elevator Burns.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Aug. 4.—The elevator owned and operated here by the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock association was burned with its contents. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary and the feeling here is intense toward the firm who would commit such an outrage. There were two cars burned, one containing lumber and the other corn. There were \$1,500 insurance on the elevator.

Omaha Aeronaut Injured.

SCOTIA, Neb., Aug. 4.—Prof. Samuel Murphy, an Omaha aeronaut, was badly burned here as he was ready to ascend, his balloon catching fire. In rescuing an assistant the professor's hands were seriously burned. His assistant was slightly burned. The fine balloon was entirely consumed. More than a thousand people witnessed the accident.

Farmer Injured in Runaway.

MCNEEL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 4.—While Thomas Reardon, a pioneer farmer of York county, was cutting a field of alfalfa his team of mules ran away and he narrowly escaped being killed. He was taken from the field and carried to town, where he received medical attendance and is reported to be much better.

Mysterious Disappearance.

STUART, Neb., Aug. 4.—James E. Stewart, for twenty years a resident of Holt county, mysteriously disappeared some days ago and has not been found. He has recently suffered financial reverses that seemed to have affected his mind. The horse he rode when going away has been found. It is thought he has either suicided or wandered away.

Beatrice Canning Plant Sold.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 4.—The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company has purchased the Lang Canning company's property adjoining the Dempster plant on South Sixth street, the consideration being \$4,500.

Beatrice Holdups Fined.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 4.—Elmer Jain and Charles Pennington were fined \$100 each for attempting to hold up Mrs. John Marlow, a prominent resident of this city.

Claims Damages for Husband's Death.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Aug. 4.—Susan Grothhouse filed a petition in district court suing Furman county for \$5,000 damages as a result of the death of her husband who was drowned in a canyon south of Oxford July 1. The petition alleges that the county was negligent in the matter of the repair of a small bridge and that as a result he deceased came to his death. The defense will be that Grothhouse was intoxicated.

Hastings Will Hold a Street Fair.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 4.—Pursuant to a published call a large number of the representative business men met at the city hall to arrange for the holding of a street fair and trade carnival at this city in October. Many attended the meeting, expressing themselves as enthusiastically in favor of holding the fair. Dr. Arts was named as the head of an advisory committee, which has full power to proceed with the arrangements.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Forest fires have inflicted a good deal of damage in Oregon.

The White house attic is being prepared for servants quarters. Secretary of War Root will open the republican campaign in Illinois.

Grain men say that the Kansas corn crop will reach 250,000,000 bushels. Union Pacific strikers to the number of about 400 paraded in Omaha. Seventeen thousand Americans went to Canada in 1901, and 24,000 in 1902.

Paul Vandervoort, for many years a resident of Omaha, died recently in Cuba. There are 257,066 names in the new city directory of Boston, an increase of 4,722 over the number last year.

It has been definitely decided that no plays will be given at Bayreuth in 1903, but the plays will be resumed in 1904.

It is reported that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has been bought in the interest of the Union Pacific.

The London City Council has sanctioned large extensions to the tramway system of London, costing nearly \$2,000,000.

Word has been received of the death of Henry J. Taylor, a leading member of the Iowa bar, at Auckland, New Zealand. He was on a health seeking tour.

The interior department has established a free telegraph school under the insular telegraph service. The school will teach twenty-five pupils, all girls.

Reports from Portuguese West Africa, where there have been rumors of troubles with the natives, show that the disorders are assuming a grave character.

President Schwab of the steel corporation, has rented the ninth and tenth floors in the Arthur building, New York, for offices, for which he pays \$50,000 rent annually.

Peter F. Collier & Son, publishers of Collier's Weekly, are said to be at the head of a \$10,000,000 corporation which is being organized to buy a number of newspapers in New York state.

A special dispatch from Vienna says that the Servian cabinet, which resigned on July 24, has ended the crisis, which resulted from the resignation by consenting to remain in office.

The corn beetle has done immense damage to the crops in many districts in the government of Kherson, Russia, and in a large area of Bessarabia. Two hundred thousand acres have been ravished.

Professor J. R. McCall, for twelve years professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Tennessee, has resigned to accept a similar position with Purdue university of Lafayette.

A general order has been issued by General Miles, commanding the army, announcing the award of medals of honor and certificates of merit to officers and enlisted men for specially meritorious services.

The steamer Discovery has sailed from Nome with nearly 100 American miners engaged by the Northeastern Siberian company, to begin the exploration of the Siberian coast for gold and other metals.

The bureau of insular affairs of the war department has been notified by Acting Governor Wright of the death of Sanford G. Baker, a clerk in the insular service at Manila, who died on the 27th instant of Asiatic cholera.</